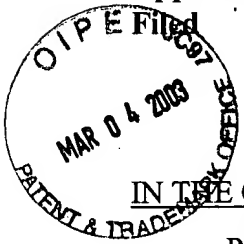


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AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 109 and 114-158 without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows. In the amendments below, deletions are shown as ~~strikethrough~~ and additions are underlined.

1 - 109. (DELETED)

D1
110. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An isolated nucleic acid molecule ~~or derivative, homologue or analogue thereof~~ comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding, or a nucleotide sequence complementary to a nucleotide sequence encoding, an amino acid sequence substantially as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2 ~~or a derivative homologue or mimetic thereof~~ or having at least about 45% ~~or greater~~ similarity to at least 10 contiguous amino acids in SEQ ID NO:2.

D2
111. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An isolated nucleic acid molecule ~~or derivative, homologue or analogue thereof~~ comprising a nucleotide sequence substantially as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 ~~or a derivative or homologue thereof~~ capable of hybridizing to SEQ ID NO:1 under low medium stringency conditions.

D2
112. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to Claim ~~403~~ 111 which further encodes an amino acid sequence ~~substantially~~ as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2 or a sequence having at least about 45% similarity ~~to at least 10 contiguous amino acids in~~ SEQ ID NO:2.

113. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 110 ~~402~~ ~~substantially~~ as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1.

114 - 158. (DELETED)